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SEPTEMBER 21, 1850.

The Association met according to adjournment, and the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder M. L. McWILLIAMS, from Job ix. 2: "*But how should man be just with God.*"

After a short intermission the delegates assembled in the house and were called to order by the Moderator, and after appropriate religious exercises, proceeded to business.

I. Read the letters from the churches and enrolled the delegates' names.

II. Elected Eld. A. TRAVIS Moderator, and Eld. H. LEE Clerk.

III. Invited visiting members to sit with us in council.

VI. Petitions for membership in this body being called for, letters were presented from Macedonia church, Butler co., and from Liberty church, Conecuh co., both of which being unanimously received, the Moderator extended to their messengers the right hand of fellowship, and invited them to seats.

V. The Chair then announced the following Standing Committees:

1. *On Arrangements.*—J. J. Sessions, G. Longmire, N. Parker, S. McCreary.
2. *On Finance.*—A. Jay, R. R. Mosely, Watkins Salter.
3. *To supply the Pulpit.*—F. Straughn, S. S. Andress, D. Hestle, with the deacons of Bethany church.
4. *On Documents.*—J. C. Jones, E. E. Kirven, and L. W. Lindsey.
5. *On Correspondence.*—W. C. Morrow, A. W. Jones, P. Stout.

VI. The committee on preaching announced for the pulpit tomorrow Elders W. C. Morrow, J J. Sessions, and Prof. T. F. Curtis, of Howard College.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock, Monday morning. Prayer by the Moderator.

LORD'S DAY, SEPT. 22.

This morning Eld. W. C. Morrow preached from Luke xvi. 19—31. Eld. J. J. Sessions presented, in a very appropriate manner, the claims of Domestic Missions, when a public collection was taken up for that object, ammounting to $102.60. In the afternoon Prof. Curtis preached from I. Timothy, i. 16; after which the holy sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Elders Stout and Hawthorn, with becoming solemnity.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Sept. 23.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator. Minutes read,—the roll and statistics corrected.

I. The committee on Arrangements being called upon to report stated, that they deemed it unnecessary for them to present any report, as a special committee had been appointed at the last session to prepare a "*Standing Order of Business*," and report at this meeting; whereupon said committee came forward with their report, which was adopted.

STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Read the Letters from the Churches, and make out the Roll.
2. Elect officers.
3. Appoint a committee on religious services during the session.
4. Invite ministers present to seats.
5. Receive Letters petitioning membership.
6. Receive Letters of Correspondence, &c.
7. Appoint the Standing Committeess, viz:
   - I. On the State of Religion and Digest of the Letters.
   - II. On the Religious Instruction of the Colored People within our bounds.
   - III. On Foreign Missions.
   - IV. On Domestic Missions.
   - V. On the Indian Mission Association.
   - VI. On the Southern Baptist Publication Society.
   - VII. On Sunday Schools.
   - VIII. On Temperance.
   - IX. On Correspondence.
   - X. On Queries and Requests.
   - XI. On Finance and Auditing.
8. Receive Report from Executive Board.
9. Elect an Executive Board.
10. Hear Reports from Committees in their order.
11. Arrange for and direct Funds, to be sent to the Alabama State Convention.
12. Appoint Messengers to Corresponding Bodies, and the A. S. Convention,

13. Hear Miscellaneous Motions and Resolutions.
14. Appoint the time and place for holding the next session.
15. Appoint the principals and alternates to preach the next Annual and Missionary Sermons.
16. Arrange for the Printing and Distribution of the Minutes.
17. Hear Treasurer's Report.

PLATT STOUT,
K. HAWTHORN,
J. C. JONES,
} Committee.

II. Called for correspondence. A letter and package of minutes from the Cahawba Association were presented by her messenger, Bro. J. J. Bradford; also, from the Bethel Association, a letter and minutes, by her messengers, Elders John Talbert and William Hill; also, a letter and minutes from the West Florida Association, by her messenger, Eld. Joseph H. Wombwell; also, a package of minutes from the Alabama State Convention, by Eld. P. Stout. The messengers were welcomed and invited to seats by the Moderator.

III. The Chair announced the following additional Standing Committees, indicated in the Standing Order of Business:

1. *On the State of Religion, &c.*—P. Stout, A. W. Jones, T. J. Hawthorn.
2. *On the Religious Instruction of the Colored People.*—K. Hawthorn, G. Longmire, J. H. Daily.
3. *On Foreign Missions.*—J. J. Sessions, J. Mitchell, S. S. Andress.
4. *On Domestic Missions.*—W. C. Morrow, J. C. Jones, N. Parker.
5. *On Indian Missions.*—L. W. Lindsey, E. E. Kirven, T. R. Pope.
6. *On S. B. Pub. Society.*—J. J. Sessions, C. W. Hare, A. Jay.
7. *On Sunday Schools*—J. C. Jones, K. Hawthorn, W. Walthall.
8. *On Temperance.*—S. S. Andress, E. E. Kirven, Y. M. Rabb, and on motion of Bro. J. C. Jones, the Moderator was added.
9. *On Queries and Requests.*—W. C. Morrow, D. Hestle, W. Salter.

IV. A special committee to nominate an *Executive Mission Board* for the ensuing year:—W. Spence, J. Mitchell, F. Straughn.

V. Reports from District Meetings being called for, Brethren Travis, Salter, J. C. Jones, and Sessions, made satisfactory verbal reports, by which it appeared the district meeting system had not been successful during the past year.

VI. A special meeting to re-arrange the Churches of the Association into districts:—A. Travis, (on motion) J. McWilliams, U. A. Barlow, N. Parker, W. C. Morrow.

VII. Appointed messengers to corresponding bodies:—

1. To the *Cahawba* Association—F. Straughn, J. Mitchell.
2. To the *Bethel* Association—C. W. Hare, D. Pilkington, K. Hawthorn.
3. To the *West Florida* Association—L. W. Lindsey, D. Giddens, J. Thames, D. Gartman.
4. To the *Alabama* Association—M. L. McWilliams, H. G. Owens,

VIII. On motion of Bro. Sessions, Pres. Sherman and Prof. Curtis, of Howard College, were invited to address the Association in relation to that institution—its prospects, condition, &c. Pres. S. thanked the association, but yielded the floor to Prof. C. as the head of that department in which the churches are more especially interested. Bro. Curtiss referred to the primary object of the Theological Professorship—the influence of the theological students over the students of the other departments—their usefulness in Marion and the surrounding country—their piety, devotedness, &c., in a very happy manner, not omitting some pleasing incidents.

Monday Evening, 1 o'clock.

I. After some discussion as to the mode of making a collection to assist Bro. J. M. Boyles, a licentiate of Little River Church, now in Howard College, in acquiring a thorough education, to fit himself the better for the arduous and responsible work of the Christian ministry, a short recess was allowed for the brethren to consult and indicate what amount should be sent up to the Convention for that special object. The following sums, *in cash*, were laid upon the table:

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| F. Straughn, $5; D. Cook, $5; The Beulah Church, $10; J. McWilliams, 5; A Friend, $5; N. Parker, 1; J. Savell, 2; J. T. Parker, 1; J. C. Jones, 5; W. C. Morrow, 5; F. H. Farrar, 5; G. Kyle, 2; H. Lee, 3; U. A. Barlow, $2.50; J. H. Daily, 1; A. Hendrix, 1; S. McCreary, 1; T. J. Hawthorn, 2; R. Lambert, 1; R. C. Donald, 1; M. Beard, 50 cts..... | $64 00 |
| Collected at the Stand,..... | 20 00 |
| | $84 00 |
| The following sums were *pledged* by the 1st of Jan. next: P. Stout, $10; E. E. Kirven, $2.50; L. W. Lindsey, $5; R. R. Mosely, 5; G. Longmire, 5; D. Gartman, $2.50; Y. M. Rabb, $1; S. S. Andress, $2, J. J. Sessions, $2, | $35 00 |
| Total *cash* and pledges,..... | $119 00 |

II. Appointed as delegates to the A. B. S. Convention: P. Stout, C. W. Hare, J. J. Sessions, J. C. Jones, J. Mitchell.

III. Appointed Elder W. C. Morrow to preach the next Introductory Sermon—Elder H. Lee his alternate.

IV. The committees appointed at the last session to visit *St. Anthony Street, Shiloh* and *Escambia River* churches being called upon to report, Elder A. Travis stated that, of the committee appointed to visit St. Anthony Street Church, only himself and Elder K. Hawthorn had visited it, and therefore they had prepared no formal report; but he submitted a verbal account of their visit and investigations, and the committee was discharged. Eld. N. Parker reported that himself and Eld. D. Giddens had regularly dissolved the Shiloh Church.

V. On motion, the Escambia River church was ordered to be erased from the list of churches of this Association, as having become extinct.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder J. McWilliams.

Tuesday Morning, Sept. 24.

I. *Committee on State of Religion, &c.* made their report, which was adopted. *(See Appendix A.)*

II. Report of the *Committee on the Instruction* of the Colored People, adopted. *(App. B.)*

III. *Committee on S. B. P. Society* reported. Report adopted. *(App. C.)*

IV. *Committee on Temperance* submitted their report, which was adopted. *(App. D.)*

V. *Committee on Preaching* report for the pulpit to-day, Elders J. C. Jones, P. Stout, J. J. Sessions, L. W. Lindsey.

VI. *Committee on Sunday Schools* reported. Adopted. *(App. E.)*

VII. *Committee on Indian Missions* reported. Adopted. *(App. F.)*

VIII. *Com. on Domestic Missions* reported. Adopted. *(App. G.)*

IX. *Committee on Queries and Requests* report adopted. *(App. I.)*

X. Eld. W. C. Morrow offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas the following churches, viz:

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|---|---|---|
| 1. Bethel, (Monroe,) | 9. County Line, | 16. Friendship, |
| 2. New Providence, | 10. Ackerville, | 17. Allenton, |
| 3. Black's Bluff, | 11. Antioch, | 18. Bear Creek, |
| 4. Gravel Creek, | 12. Cedar Grove, | 19. Union, |
| 5. Concord, | 13. Ridgeville, | 20. Pineville, |
| 6. Rock West, | 14. Fellowship, | 21. Flat Creek, |
| 7. Canton, | 15. Mount Pleasant, | 22. Indian Spring, |
| 8. Bethany, (Wilcox,) | | |

have applied to this association for dismission, for the purpose of constituting a new association, and the said churches being in full fellowship with this body; therefore,

*Resolved*, That at the close of this session the said churches be dismissed from this association. And be it further *Resolved*, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be deemed sufficient evidence thereof.

XI. Read letters of correspondence to the *Alabama S. B. Convention*, the *Alabama, Bethel, Cahawba* and *West Florida* associations.

XII. Committee appointed to re-arrange the association into Districts reported. Report adopted. *(App. H.)* Accompanying this report the following resolution was presented and adopted:

*Resolved*, That a special committee be appointed to consider the propriety of selecting a *Central Ground*, as a stated place of holding the annual meetings of this body: to report at the next session. The following are the committee:—*A. Travis*, (on motion,) *F. Straughn, A. Jay, R. R. Moseley, T. R. Pope, I. Savell.*

XIII. *Executive Board D. M.* made their report and were discharged.

XIV. Reports of Missionaries being called for, Elders W. C. Morrow and D. Giddens submitted reports, which were received and ordered to be printed. *(App. J.)*

XV. Appointed the next Association to be held with the Montgomery Hill Church, in Baldwin Co. Ala., to commence on Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day in September, 1851.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

I. Ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and receive Thirty Dollars for his services.

II. Called for Treasurer's report. Accepted, and ordered to be printed. *(App. K.)*

III. Committee appointed to nominate an *Executive Board D. M.* reported the following: A. Travis, A. Jay, J. R. Hawthorn, R. R. Moseley, A. Perryman, F. Straughn, J. Mitchell. Adopted.

IV. On motion of Elder J. Mitchell: *Resolved*, That the destitute portions of this associational district in West Florida—especially Pensacola and Milton, and parts of Covington and Butler counties in Alabama—be designated as the field in which our Missionary is to labor during the ensuing year, unless otherwise directed by the Executive Board.

V. Elected, by ballot, Elder Daniel Giddens Domestic Missionary for the ensuing associational year, and fixed his salary at *Three Hundred Dollars.*

VI. Elected, by acclamation, Bro. Andrew Jay Treasurer of the Association.

VII. On motion, *Resolved*, That it be left to the discretion of the Executive Board to appoint another missionary or not, and to extend or not the missionary field of labor, during the next year.

After touching addresses by the Moderator and Elder P. Stout, the Association sang, with great emotion, the sweet hymn,

"*Blest be the tie that binds,*"

During which the parting hand was tendered to the delegates of those churches which have withdrawn, in the utmost harmony, to form a new association.

Adjourned to meet with Montgomery Hill Church, on Saturday before the fourth Lord's Day in September, 1851. Prayer by the Moderator.

ALEXANDER TRAVIS, Moderator.

Hanson Lee, Clerk.

# APPENDIX.

## A.

### Report of the Committee on the State of Religion, &c.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Digest of the Letters, report:—

It is to be regretted that, from the short time allowed, and the absence of documentary data, your committee can present but a very partial view of the subject under their consideration.

So far as we are advised, some of the churches within our bounds enjoy but little of the sweets and favors of religion; and we fear are inactive, and doing but little for that blessed cause which should ever be paramount to all others—the cause of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. We are happy, however, to be able to state, that, from the letters, we learn that they are not troubled with internal dissensions; besides several of them have enjoyed gracious seasons of refreshing, and been built up in the knowledge and faith of Christ, and advanced in piety and zeal—rejoicing in the enlargement of their borders, by the addition of such as the Lord would have be saved. We are happy also to discover that there is a general increase of light, and a growing sense of Christian obligation among the church, on the general subject of Christian benevolence. Respectfully submitted.

PLATT STOUT, Chairman.

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## B.

### Report of the Committee on the Religious Instruction of the Colored People.

Among the various objects of pious effort, there is none, in the opinion of your committee, which presses with stronger claims upon Southern Christians than that of the religious instruction of our colored population; and there is, perhaps, no portion of the great gospel field which yields so rich a harvest with the same amount of labor. And it is gratifying to know that there is a growing desire among Southern Christians to elevate the moral

character of the black man. Many pastors have a separate service on Lord's Day evening for their especial benefit; yet, in some sections within the bounds of this association they are lamentably neglected. We therefore beg leave to subjoin the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it be enjoined upon the Executive Board of this Association to look to the religious interests of the slave population within our bounds, as well as they may be able.

All which is respectfully submitted.

K. HAWTHORN, Chairman.

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C.

**Report of the Committee on the S. B. P. Society.**

The objects which this Society has in view are so grand and glorious that they challenge the hearty approval of every Christian; aiming, as they do, not only to minister to the intellectual, but also to the spiritual necessities of mankind—to scatter broadcast the good seed of the kingdom—to follow the sinner in his pathway to ruin, wherever he may wander, carrying the Bible into the very homes of the poor and destitute, and sending forth to the world a sound religious literature—both of a general and denominational character. We are happy to learn that the Society has fully equalled the expectations of its friends. Through the exertions of the agent for this state three colporteurs are now employed, and he confidently expects to have three or four more in the field before the end of November next. The colportage system is so well adapted to our wants as to reach objects which cannot be successfully reached by the ordinary labors of the minister of the gospel. The advantages of this system in affording means of instruction to our own people, in the doctrines peculiar to our denomination, are regarded by your committee as being very important. We beg leave also to call your attention to the facilities furnished through the colporteur for the establishment of Sunday Schools and the supply of books. Your committee learn that it is made a part of his duty to attend to this interest—an interest heretofore too lightly esteemed within our bounds, and to which too little attention has been paid. Respectfully submitted.

J. J. SESSIONS, Chairman.

D.

**Report of the Committee on Temperance.**

Your committee regard the subject before them as one of great importance. As to the evil tendencies and ruinous effects of dram drinking upon every branch of human society, there is no longer a question with the wise and good. And that it is the duty of all who love good order in society, and desire the prosperity of our institutions, and the highest good of our country, but especially the ministers and friends of the Cross, not only to totally abstain from intoxicating beverages themselves, but *to use their influence to its fullest extent, by seizing and applying the means best adapted to its universal overthrow*, we think is clearly set forth in the Bible.

About twenty-five years ago, a few good and wise men set their faces against dram drinking in all its forms, by compacting together under a pledge, not only to abstain themselves from its use, but to turn their influence against it in all their connections in society. The good effects of this commencement of systematic and combined effort were soon apparent to every vigilant, benevolent mind. But after a few years it was found that a pledge which only prohibited distilled liquors was insufficient to restrain the vicious appetite produced by the use of the milder and more insiduous drinks. Whence originated the *Washingtonian* system, which, in its turn, accomplished much and gladdened the hearts of the friends of temperance. But this too was soon found wanting in *permanency* of power and influence. Hence arose the Organization which is working wonders now—that *towering* and *expanding* TREE, from a little seed planted in 1842—under whose shadow many forlorn and perishing in our land have taken shelter and been *refreshed* and *saved*.

To this organization we invite your attention. It has been in operation only about seven years; yet its powerful influence among all classes of our own citizens, and its accomplishments in other countries where it has been tried, are so notorious as to need no comment from us. We only remark, that it is a matter of deep and painful regret, that so many worthy and influential Christians, who give to this noble cause the *sanction of their lips*, and perhaps their judgment, withhold the power and influence of their names. But we are grateful, on the other hand, that many of our best and noblest citizens have engaged in the good work, heart and hand, and make the *giant* quail before them. And we are happy to learn from authentic reports, that, under the influence of this order, which has almost superceded and swallowed up all other temperance organizations, *the cases on our State Dockets have diminished about one half*. We doubt not that the peace and harmony, and prosperity of many of our churches have been pro-

noted thereby. We, therefore, without scruple, earnestly commend this noble cause to the hearty co-operation of all who love the best interests of the rising generation. Respectfully submitted.

S. S. ANDRESS, Chairman.

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## E.

### Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Your committee regret that neither the letters of the churches, nor any other statistics placed within their reach, furnish any certain information on this important subject. Yet we desire to submit a few thoughts to your consideration, in relation to the propriety and importance of having a Sunday School connected with all our churches, where it is practicable. We urge it,

1. Because, *by the instructions and impressions imparted in a well organized and properly conducted Sunday School, an early moral and religious bias may be given to the young and ductile mind, to abide with it through life.*

2. It may thus be supplied with healthy food, which will promote its spiritual growth, and lead it to a contemplation of its own high destiny, and the character of that Being who alone is worthy of its adoration and worship.

3. *Many of the great religious revivals which have blessed the world, have had their beginnings in these nurseries of the church.* Nor need this statement excite surprise; for the Minister's work is easy when he urges the claims of the gospel upon a congregation, who, from the cradle, have been taught to believe in Jesus.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, *That this Association recommend to all the churches within her bounds, the establishment of* Sunday Schools, *where it is practicable, and report the result at the next session of this body.*

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. JONES, Chairman.

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## F.

### Report on the Indian Mission Association.

The origin, history and present prospects of the I. M. Association are of peculiar interest to christians in this country. And its objects and enterprises have, in the view of your committee, strong claims upon us for support. It has already accomplished much in taming the wild man of the forest, and promises much for the future. We therefore recommend it to the cordial support of the churches of this association. Respectfully submitted.

B. W. LINDSEY, Chairman.

G.

### Report on Domestic Missions.

Your committee, appointed on Domestic Missions, beg leave to report, that, in the absence of any documents, or other reliable sources of information, they are unable to present any facts of interest on the subject. But viewing the great importance of supplying the destitute everywhere with the word of life, and especially in our own country, would respectfully recommend this object as one that demands our favorable regard and patronage.

W. C. MORROW, Chairman.

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H.

### Report of the Committee to re-arrange the Churches into Districts.

In the opinion of your committee it is not expedient to divide the Association into more than two Districts, as follows:

| FIRST DISTRICT. | *Bap.* | *Col'd.* | *White.* | *Total.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Zion, (Mobile,) | 3 | 14 | 21 | 35 |
| 2. Eight-Mile Creek, | .. | 8 | 14 | 22 |
| 3. St. Anthony Street, | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 4. Blakeley, | 5 | 15 | 37 | 52 |
| 5. Stockton, | .. | 15 | 12 | 27 |
| 6. Brook Cedron, | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 7. Montgomery Hill, | .. | 21 | 34 | 55 |
| 8. Little River, | 1 | 19 | 36 | 55 |
| 9. Claiborne. | 6 | 50 | 37 | 87 |
| 10. Monroeville, | 2 | 14 | 84 | 98 |
| 11. Salem, | .. | 5 | 33 | 38 |
| 12. Zion, (Monroe,) | 10 | 9 | 50 | 59 |
| 13. Philadelphia, | 7 | 23 | 51 | 74 |
| 14. Bethany, | 3 | 55 | 67 | 122 |

| SECOND DISTRICT. | *Bap.* | *Col'd.* | *White.* | *Total.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15. Bellville. | 21 | 149 | 94 | 243 |
| 16. Evergreen, | .. | 15 | 18 | 33 |
| 17. Olive Branch, | 5 | 14 | 82 | 96 |
| 18. Archadelphia, | .. | 3 | 22 | 25 |
| 19. New Hope, | 12 | 6 | 66 | 72 |
| 20. Liberty, | 1 | 1 | 14 | 15 |
| 21. Bethel, (Butler,) | 8 | 6 | 58 | 64 |
| 22. Macedonia, | .. | .. | 9 | 9 |
| 23. Fairmount, | 1 | 1 | 21 | 22 |
| 24. Conecuh River. | 4 | 4 | 27 | 31 |
| 25. Yellow River, | 10 | 10 | 51 | 61 |
| 26. Sepulga, | 1 | 1 | 46 | 47 |
| 27. Beulah. | 44 | 213 | 66 | 279 |
| 28. Brooklyn, | 15 | 29 | 54 | 83 |
| 29. Elim, | 5 | 2 | 39 | 41 |
| 30. Catawba Springs, | .. | 27 | 26 | 53 |
| 31. Milton, | 26 | 92 | 55 | 147 |
| 32. Pensacola, | 13 | 112 | 26 | 138 |
| | 203 | 933 | 1406 | 2339 |

NOTE.—This partial view of the statistics of the Association is added, so as to show its strength after the withdrawal of the 22 churches.

CLERK.

Respectfully submitted.

A. TRAVIS, Chairman.

I.

### Report on Queries and Requests.

The query submitted to the Association by the Claiborne Church: "*What would you advise us to do with applicants for church membership who are deprived of obtaining letters of dismission from the church where they were members, either by a dissolution of the church, loss of the church records, or in any way whatever, after seeing their orderly walk, believing them to be Christians, and their invariable assertions of their being regular Baptists, and in good standing when they were removed to a distant State?*" has been had under serious consideration by your committee, and we are unanimously of opinion *that all such professing members should be received in full fellowship with the church wherever they may apply for membership.* This has been the uniform practice of the ministers of this association, both in regard to white and colored persons.

Respectfully submitted.

W. C. MORROW, Chairman.

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J.

### Reports of Missionaries.

Brethren: My labors have been, in the aggregate, as follows:—*Devoted* 231 days—*preached* 143 sermons—*travelled* 2,415 miles—*baptized* 14—*visited* 355 families—delivered 15 exhortations and lectures—assisted Bro. N. Parker in the dissolution of *Shiloh* church—constituted *Macedonia* church, assisted by Bro. J. Mitchell, whom I assisted in two protracted meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

D. GIDDINS, Missionary.

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Bro. Mod.—I have had regular appointments at Pensacola, the Navy Yard and Milton, finding it impracticable to operate at other points, the work at these three points being quite enough for one man. I have delivered 200 *sermons—baptized* 39—assisted brethren Travis and Lee in four protracted meetings, for which they promised reciprocal labor in the mission field.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. MORROW, Missionary

K.

Treasurer's Report.

*The* BETHLEHEM ASSOCIATION, *for the associational year, ending Sept. 20th, 1850, in account with R. R. Mosely, Treasurer.*

| 1850. | Dr. | | 1850. | Cr. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To Cash paid W. C. Morrow, missionary, as per voucher, | $ 225 | 00 | By cash rec'd from 3d District, | $ 40 | 50 |
| " Cash paid D. Giddens, missionary, as per voucher, | 225 | 00 | " " " 2d " | 62 | 60 |
| " Cash paid order of last association to appropriate surplus, | 26 | 27 | " public collection at stand, | 102 | 60 |
| " Cash paid clerk for printing minutes, | 84 | 30 | " from Zion ch. (Mobile,) | 11 | 60 |
| | | | " " Monroeville church, | 5 | 00 |
| | | | " " Pineville " | 12 | 00 |
| | | | " " Bellville " | 20 | 00 |
| | | | " " Flat Creek " | 7 | 00 |
| | | | " " Concord " | 8 | 80 |
| | | | " " Individuals, | 1 | 50 |
| | $ 560 | 57 | " " Little River church, | 8 | 80 |
| | | | " " Montgomery Hill ch. | 5 | 45 |
| | | | " " New Providence ch. | 6 | 50 |
| | | | " " Claiborne church, | 9 | 45 |
| | | | " " Zion (Monroe) ch. | 8 | 20 |
| | | | " " Allenton church, | 10 | 20 |
| | | | " " Olive Branch church | 21 | 25 |
| | | | " " Beulah " | 58 | 00 |
| | | | " " Antioch " | 5 | 00 |
| | | | " " Cedar Grove " | 4 | 50 |
| | | | " " New Hope " | 5 | 50 |
| | | | " " Ackerville " | 5 | 20 |
| | | | " " Conecuh River " | 5 | 00 |
| | | | " " Evergreen " | 6 | 60 |
| | | | " " Stockton " | 6 | 00 |
| | | | " sent up by churches for minutes, | 84 | 30 |
| | | | " rec'd from former clerk, | 26 | 27 |
| | | | " " " extra contribution by association, | 12 | 75 |
| | $ 560 | 57 | | $ 560 | 57 |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. R. MOSELY, Treasurer.

# TABULAR STATEMI

| CHURCHES. | County. | MESSENGERS' NAMES. | Baptized. | Rec'd by Letter. | Restored. | Dismissed. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FIRST DISTRICT. | | | | | | |
| 1. Zion, | Mobile, | William Spence, H. Bolton | 3 | 6 | 2 | |
| 2. Eight Mile Creek, | " | | | 1 | | |
| 3. St. Anthony Street, | " | *Not represented.* Last reported | | | | |
| 4. Blakeley, | Baldwin, | A. B. Couch,* C. W. Wilkins, | 5 | 4 | | |
| 5. Stockton, | " | U. A. Barlow, | | | | |
| 6. Brook Cedron, | " | *Not represented.* Last reported | | | | |
| 7. Montgomery Hill, | " | T. G. Holmes, J. Miles, | | 1 | | |
| 8. Claiborne, | Monroe, | M. Beard, Robert Lambert, | 6 | 5 | | |
| 9. Monroeville, | " | D. Hestle, *C. W. Hare,* | 2 | 8 | | |
| 10. Salem, | " | C. Thames, R. C. McDonald, | | | | |
| 11. Zion, | " | J. McWilliams, T. R. Pope, | 10 | 4 | | |
| 12. *Bethel,* | " | J. Bayles, W. Wiggins, | 3 | | | |
| 13. Little River, | " | A. Deas, A. J. Lambert, | 1 | | | |
| 14. Bethany, | " | Joel Lee, R. R. Mosely, F. H. Farrar, | 3 | 1 | | |
| 15. *Concord,* | " | J. J. Sessions, L. W. Lindsey, W. Wiggins, | 25 | 10 | | |
| 16. *New Providence,* | Wilcox, | D. N. Mayson,* J. E. Courtney, | 4 | | | |
| SECOND DISTRICT. | | | | | | |
| 17. *Black's Bluff,* | " | A. Henry, R. A. Burson, | | | | |
| 18. *Gravel Creek,* | " | A. J. Saddler,* R. Henderson,* | 2 | 5 | 1 | |
| 19. *Rock West,* | " | J. C. Jones, D. Cook, | | 4 | | |
| 20. *Canton,* | " | J. L. Rogers, | 2 | | | |
| 21. *Bethany,* | " | D. Pilkington,* D. Hawthorn,* | 3 | 2 | | |
| 22. *Ackerville,* | " | W. J. Jones. E. J. Vernon, | 2 | 1 | 2 | |
| 23. *Antioch,* | " | S. W. Woolan,* J. McWhorter,* | | 3 | | |
| 24. *Cedar Grove,* | Butler, | M. L. McWilliams, J. Steele,* | | | 1 | |
| 25. *Union,* | Wilcox, | James Haddox,*, J. B. Sessions, | | | | |
| 26. *Allenton,* | " | E. H. J. Mobley,* William Walthall, | | 4 | 1 | |
| 27. *County Line,* | Dallas, | P. Stout, E. E. Kirven, W. W. Boykin,* R. Duckworth,* T. Lang,* D. Lang,* | 11 | 2 | 0 | |
| THIRD DISTRICT. | | | | | | |
| 28. *Fellowship,* | Wilcox, | Watkins Salter, J. W. Leslie,* J. B. Scott,* | | 1 | | |
| 29. *Friendship,* | " | K. Hawthorn, M. Linam,* D. G. Beard,* | 0 | 3 | 2 | |
| 30. *Bear Creek,* | " | F. G. Owen, N. L. Stuckey, | | | 2 | 1 |
| 31. *Indian Spring,* | Monroe, | W. H. Abney, C. Mimms, | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| 32. *Pineville,* | " | I. B. Cawley, S. S. Andress, | 5 | 2 | | |
| 33. *Flat Creek,* | " | G. Longmire, S. McCreary, G. Kyle, | 1 | 6 | 2 | |
| 34. *Philadelphia,* | " | W. H. Helton, John F. Daily, | 7 | 3 | 1 | |
| 35. *Mount Pleasant,* | " | S. Byrd,* James G. Coleman, Jr. | | | | |
| 36. Bethel, | Butler, | Thomas Bennet, *Jesse Thames,* | 8 | | 1 | |
| 37. *Ridgeville,* | " | A. H. Woodson, E. Perkins | 11 | 3 | | |
| 38. New Hope, | Conecuh, | J. Parten, J. Massengill, | 12 | 4 | 2 | |
| FOURTH DISTRICT. | | | | | | |
| 39. Bellville, | " | J. Mitchell, F. Straughn, H. Gully, J. F. Burt, T. J. Hawthorn, | 21 | 9 | 2 | |
| 40. Olive Branch, | " | A. W. Jones, J. D. Salter, | 5 | | | 1 |
| 41. Beulah, | " | A. Travis, O. F. Nunalee, A. Jay, A. Perryman, J. M. Travis, T. Kindall,* | 44 | 2 | 1 | |
| 42. Evergreen, | " | Y. M. Rabb, J. V. Brantley, | | | | |
| 43. Brooklyn, | " | H. Lee, W. B. Howard, | 15 | 1 | | |
| 44. Elim, | " | N. Parker, J. Parker,* | 5 | 2 | | |
| 45. Catawba Spring, | " | J. J. Jackson, M. Coleman, | | 1 | | |
| 46. Sepulga, | " | W. Barlow, J. L. Deens, | 1 | | 2 | |
| 47. Conecuh River, | Covington, | J. Paget, H. Paget, | 4 | | | |
| 48. Fair Mount, | " | S. Thompson, L. S. Harvill, | 1 | 1 | | |
| 49. Yellow River, | W. Florida, | D. Gartman, D. Hart,* | 10 | 2 | 1 | |
| 50. Milton, | " | J. Savell, D. Cobb, J. R. Lee | 26 | 11 | | |
| 51. Pensacola, | " | W. C. Morrow, I. B. Faulconer, A. Hendrix, | 13 | 7 | | |
| 52. Archadelphia, | Conecuh, | A. J. C. Lassiter, J. T. Higden, | | | | |
| 53. Macedonia, | Butler, | *Joseph Rank,* J. Rhodes, | | | | |
| 54. Liberty, | Conecuh, | John Ethridge, Adin Joiner,* | 1 | 3 | | |
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NOTES—1st. Elds. Thomas Bennett and Daniel Giddens have been ordai
*Rank,* have been licensed since the last Annual Session. 2d. Absentees marked t
have withdrawn to form a new Association, are set in *Italics.* 3d. The *Supplies*
the Letters.

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| UNICANTS Colored. | UNICANTS Total. | Contribution for Minutes. | Sabbaths of Meeting. | Post Office. | Resident Pastors. | Other ministers, members of the churches. | Supplies. | C. Clerks. |
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| 14 | 35 | $2 00 | 3 | Mobile, | W. Spence, | ..... | | W. Rowell. |
| 8 | 22 | 2 10 | .... | " | ..... | ..... | G. J. McCleskey, | S. Oswald. |
| .... | 30 | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | | |
| 15 | 52 | 1 50 | .... | Blakeley, | A. B. Couch, | ..... | | W. J. Bowen. |
| 15 | 27 | 1 00 | 3 | Stockton, | ..... | ..... | W. Spence. | G. Byrne. |
| 13 | 28 | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | | |
| 21 | 35 | 1 50 | 2 | Montg'ry Hill, | ..... | ..... | L. W. Lindsey, | T. G. Holmes. |
| 50 | 87 | 1 50 | 4 | Claiborne. | ..... | ..... | L. W. Lindsey, | M. Marshall. |
| 14 | 98 | 2 80 | 2 | Monroeville, | ..... | C. W. Hare, | J. J. Sessions, | O. Parker. |
| 5 | 38 | 1 50 | 3 | " | C. Thames, | ..... | | R. C. McDonald. |
| 9 | 59 | 2 00 | 1 | " | J. McWilliams, | ..... | | W. D. McWilliams. |
| 2 | 53 | 1 50 | 2 | Bell's Landing, | ..... | ..... | J. McWilliams, | S. R. Thompson. |
| 19 | 55 | 1 60 | .... | Mount Pleasant | ..... | ..... | L. W. Lindsey, | A. Dees. |
| 55 | 122 | 2 50 | 2 | Burnt Corn, | ..... | C. P. Salter, | A. Travis, | F. H. Farrar. |
| 8 | 102 | 3 00 | 2 | Buena Vista. | J. J. Sessions, | L. W. Lindsey, | | J. G. Holcombe. |
| 29 | 47 | 50 | 3 | Black's Bluff, | ..... | ..... | L. W. Lindsey, | D. N. Mayson. |
| 31 | 53 | 1 50 | .... | " | ..... | ..... | | |
| 14 | 42 | 1 50 | 3 | Camden, | ..... | ..... | J. C. Jones, | A. J. Sadler. |
| 37 | 70 | 2 50 | 2&4 | " | J. C. Jones, | ..... | | J. E. Gullett. |
| 75 | 85 | 45 | 1 | Canton, | ..... | ..... | | J. L. Rogers. |
| 40 | 55 | 1 50 | .... | Camden. | ..... | ..... | K. Hawthorn, | D. Pilkington. |
| 7 | 59 | 2 00 | 4 | Carlowville, | ..... | ..... | M. L. McWilliams, | M. B. Kyser. |
| 12 | 34 | 1 00 | 1 | Snow Hill, | ..... | ..... | M. L. McWilliams, | W. Watson. |
| 40 | 69 | 1 50 | .... | " | M.L.McWilliams | ..... | | J. Steene. |
| 9 | 42 | 1 40 | 3 | Allenton, | ..... | ..... | C. W. Hare, | J. B. Sessions. |
| 8 | 38 | 1 65 | 3 | " | ..... | ..... | J. J. Sessions, | E. H. J. Mobley. |
| 225 | 264 | 2 00 | 1 | Portland, | P. Stout, | E. E. Kirven, | | W. W. Boykin. |
| 60 | 106 | 2 00 | .... | Mount Moriah, | ..... | ..... | | J. B. Scott. |
| 39 | 104 | 2 00 | 4 | Allenton, | K. Hawthorn, | ..... | | W. B. Taylor. |
| 6 | 60 | 2 00 | 1 | " | H. G. Owen, | ..... | | N. L. Stuckey. |
| 8 | 88 | 50 | .... | Turnbull, | ..... | ..... | G. Longmire, | W. H. Abney. |
| 18 | 71 | 1 50 | 1 | Pineville, | ..... | ..... | J. J. Sessions, | J. A. Rabb. |
| 26 | 105 | 1 50 | 2 | Turnbull, | G. Longmire, | ..... | | S. McCreary. |
| 23 | 74 | 1 75 | 4 | Burnt Corn, | ..... | ..... | J. McWilliams, | J. H. Dailey. |
| 8 | 34 | 1 00 | .... | Allenton, | ..... | ..... | | W. E. Coleman. |
| 6 | 64 | 2 50 | .... | Greenville, | ..... | T. Bennett, | J. Mitchell, | R. F. Sarter. |
| 29 | 80 | 1 50 | 3 | Ridgeville, | ..... | ..... | | M. Rutherford. |
| 5 | 71 | 1 65 | .... | Sepulga, | ..... | ..... | J. Mitchell, | J. Cone. |
| 149 | 243 | 5 00 | 4 | Bellville, | ..... | J. Mitchell, D. Giddens, | A. Travis, | J. R. Hawthorn. |
| 14 | 96 | 1 85 | 2 | Evergreen, | A. W. Jones, | ..... | | J. V. Perryman. |
| 213 | 279 | 3 00 | 1 | " | A. Travis, | ..... | | A. Jay. |
| 15 | 33 | 1 00 | 3 | " | ..... | ..... | A. Travis, | Y. M. Rabb. |
| 29 | 83 | 1 50 | 2&4 | Brooklyn, | H. Lee. | ..... | | M. W. Rabun. |
| 2 | 41 | 1 00 | 2 | Sparta, | N. Parker, | ..... | | G. G. Herrington. |
| 1 | 27 | 1 00 | 4 | " | ..... | ..... | N. Parker, | J. J. Jackson. |
| 1 | 47 | 1 30 | 4 | Brooklyn, | ..... | ..... | | W. Barlow. |
| 4 | 31 | 75 | .... | New Site, | ..... | ..... | D. Giddens, | G. A. Snowden. |
| 1 | 22 | 1 00 | .... | " | ..... | ..... | | L. S. Harvill. |
| 10 | 61 | 1 00 | 3 | Almarant, Fl'a | ..... | ..... | N. Parker, | D. Gartman. |
| 92 | 147 | 2 00 | 2 | Milton, " | ..... | ..... | W. C. Morrow, | J. R. Otis. |
| 112 | 138 | 2 50 | .... | Pensacola, " | W. C. Morrow | ..... | | A. Hendrix. |
| 3 | 25 | 1 15 | .... | Bellville, | ..... | ..... | A. W. Jones, | J. C. Lassiter. |
| .... | 9 | 95 | .... | Greenville, | ..... | J. Rank, | D. Giddens, | J. Rank. |
| 1 | 15 | 1 09 | .... | Sepulga, | ..... | ..... | J. Mitchell, | J. Ethridge. |
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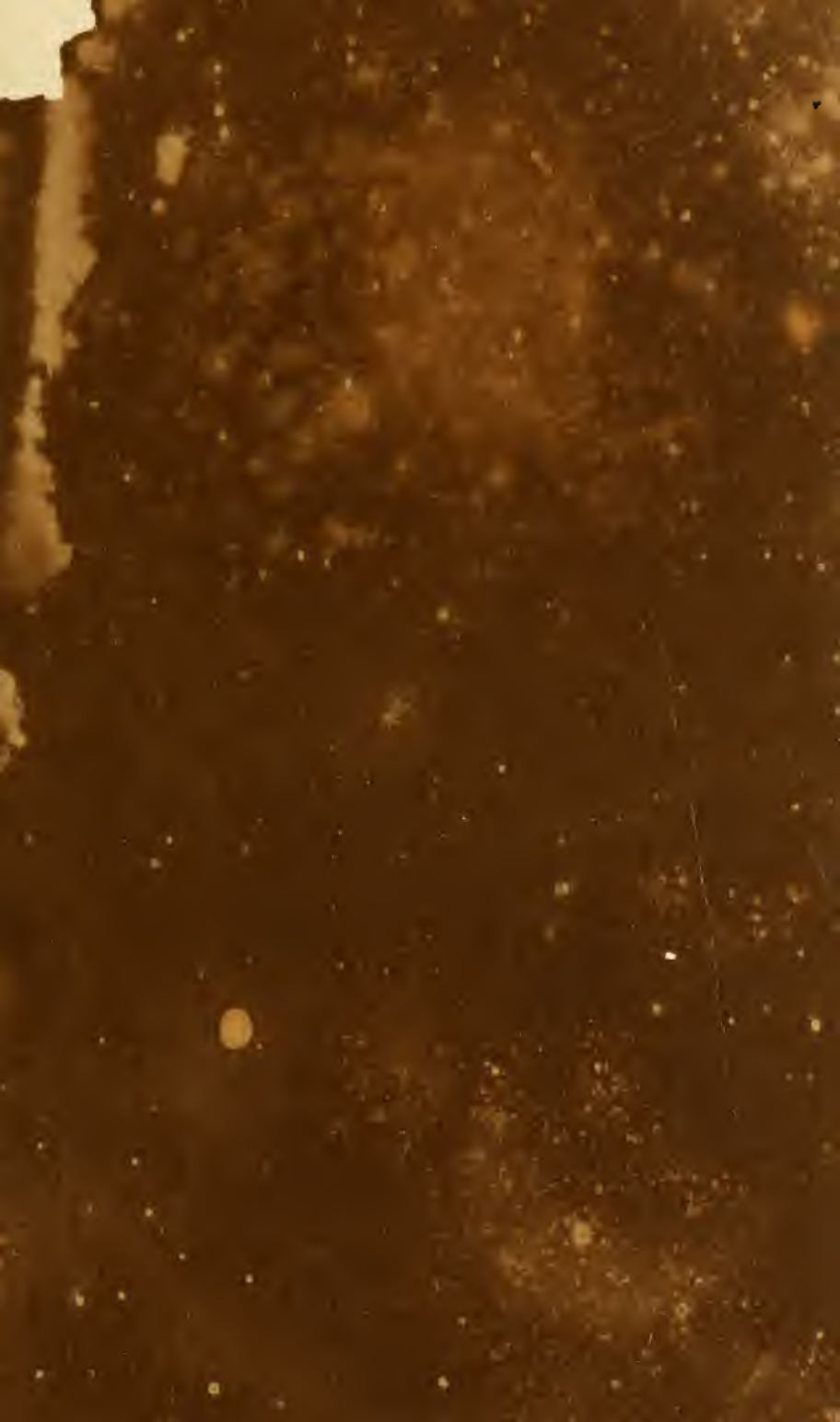
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